



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor  
in honor of:*

***Armed Forces Day***  
***May 21, 2022***

*In Texas, we understand that freedom is never free. The countless liberties we enjoy are earned by the men and women who make up the armed forces of the United States. From deterring our nation's enemies, ensuring our security, and providing aid at home and abroad, the sacrifices of our military service members are what make this nation the Land of the Free.*

*The call to serve requires much of those who answer it. Our brave military members answer the call with conviction, leaving behind friends and family, working tirelessly day and night, and oftentimes in unimaginably stressful situations. The challenges that service members face do not end when they leave the service—or when they come home.*

*Every third Saturday in May, we recognize all members of our armed forces and veterans. The six branches of the armed forces of the United States include the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. Each branch demands a special skill set, but all share a unified commitment to upholding and protecting American values and interests. Due to the great cost of our freedom, members and veterans of our armed forces deserve our highest respect.*

*Texas is home to one of the highest military populations in the country, including veterans, active duty, and reserve members. Across the state, the people of Texas have sustained a proud culture of supporting our service members and veterans. As we recognize these selfless individuals and the sacrifices they have made, we must not forget the high price so often paid in defense of all we hold dear.*

*On behalf of all Texans, I salute the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in our armed forces. Thank you for your dedication and the significant sacrifices you have made on behalf of our nation.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending well wishes on this day.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

